

C. Remarks

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 1 and 6 are in independent form. The independent claims have been amended for clarification. Support for this amendment, if needed, may be found, for example, in the specification at page 4, lines 12-15, and page 7, line 27, to page 8, line 6. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious from WO 02/33709 (Ito) and WO 03/041091 (Nomura) in view of WO 2005/001037 (Li).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the changes presented above and in the Amendment filed August 18, 2009, as well as the detailed discussion of the cited art in the aforementioned Amendment.

Wherefore, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

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